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Safety Award Program

The goal of Army safety awards program is to foster accident and injury prevention, by recognizing the safety excellence of Army units and personnel and to motivate them to actively manage mission risk.

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Director of Army Safety Award

An organization award given to organizations that make significant reductions in their accident and injury rates during a fiscal year.

AR 672-74, Para 2-2.

- a. Recipients: Table of distribution and allowances (TDA) or tables) of organization and equipment (TOE) detachments; company-size units, battalions, or equivalent; brigades or equivalent; and divisions, installations, or activities.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A unit must make significant improvements (a minimum of 3% reduction) in its safety injury/accident rates when compared with the previous fiscal year rates and must experience no class A, B, or C accidents (accident classes as defined in AR 385-40) during the fiscal year of nomination.
- c . Initiator: Unit commander or installation or unit safety manager.
- d . Nominations: Nominations will be forwarded through the unit's chain of command, with the unit's supporting safety office ensuring appropriate coordination, to the USASC, ATTN: CSSC-PT, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5363, no later than 1 December of each year.
- e. Documentation: The nomination packet must include a description of the unit's performance. The description should not exceed two standard-size, single-spaced pages and should include brief discussions of the following:
 - (1) The unit, including mission, location, and type and number of assigned personnel.
 - (2) Commander's support of MACOM and DA safety campaigns.
 - (3) Methods used to effect or sustain accident reduction (for example, safety training or new initiatives).
 - (4) Accident statistics.
 - (5) Major accomplishments.
 - (6) Objectives for the coming year.
- f. Judging: The DASAF or a designated representative will convene a panel on or about 15 January of each year to determine the recipients of this award. The panel will consist of at least four safety directors or safety managers from different MACOMs or installations.
- g. Approver: DASAF.
- h. Award: DA Form 5757.

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Commander's Special Safety Award

An award given to organizations that complete 12 months or a major exercise without an A, B or C accident.

AR 672-74, 2-6.

- a. Recipients: TOE or TDA detachments; company-size units, battalions, or equivalent; brigades or equivalent; and divisions, installations, or activities.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A unit must achieve exemplary safety performance for a period of 1 year, or complete a major exercise without a class A, B, or C accident (accident classes as defined in AR 385-40). MACOM commanders will establish specific criteria for an activity to qualify for this award.
- c. Initiator: Unit commander or installation or unit safety manager.
- d. Nominations: Nominations will be submitted through the unit's chain of command to the MACOM safety director.
- e. Documentation: As required by MACOM.
- f. Judging: Determined by MACOM Commander.
- g. Approver: MACOM Commander.
- h. Award: DA Form 5776.

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United States Army Award of Excellence in Safety

An award given to organizations that complete 36 months without an A, B or C accident.

AR 672-74, 2-3.

- a. Recipients: TOE or TDA detachments; company-size units, battalions, or equivalent; brigades or equivalent; and divisions, installations, or activities.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A unit must complete 36 consecutive months without experiencing a class A, B, or C accident (accident classes as defined in AR 385-40). If a command considers an accident on its record to have been unpreventable, it may request an eligibility determination from the USASC. Subsequent awards for each additional year of accident-free experience may be the basis of an additional year award (4th year, 5th year, etc.).
- c. Initiator: Unit commander or installation or unit safety manager.
- d . Nominations: Nominations will be submitted through the unit's chain of command to the MACOM commander for screening and verification of the unit's performance.
- e. Documentation: Each level of command must endorse the request and verify that the unit is eligible for the award.
- f. Judging: As determined by the MACOM commander.
- g. Approver: MACOM Commander.
- h. Award: Plaque.

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Army Accident Prevention Award of Honor in Safety

An award given to organizations that complete 24 months without an A, B or C accident.

AR 672-74, 2-4.

- a. Recipients: TOE or TDA detachments; company-size units, battalions, or equivalent; brigades or equivalent; and divisions, installations, or activities.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A unit must complete 24 consecutive months without experiencing a class A, B, or C accident (accident classes as defined in AR 385-40). If a command considers an accident on its record to have been unpreventable, it may request an eligibility determination from the USASC. Awards will not be approved for overlapping time frames.
- c . Initiator: Unit commander or installation or unit safety manager.
- d . Nominations: Nominations will be submitted through the unit's chain of command to the MACOM commander for screening and verification of the unit's performance.
- e. Documentation: Each level of command must endorse the request and verify that the unit is eligible for the award.
- f. Judging: As determined by the MACOM commander.
- g. Approver: MACOM Commander.
- h. Award: DA Form 5758.

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Army Accident Prevention Award of Accomplishment in Safety

An award given to organizations that complete 12 months without an A, B or C accident.

AR 672-74, 2-5.

- a. Recipients: TOE or TDA detachments; company-size units, battalions, or equivalent; brigades or equivalent; and divisions, installations, or activities.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A unit must complete 12 consecutive months without experiencing a class A, B, or C accident (accident classes as defined in AR 385-40). If a command considers an accident on its record to have been unpreventable, it may request an eligibility determination from the USASC. Awards will not be approved for overlapping time frames.
- c. Initiator: Unit commander or installation or unit safety manager.
- d . Nominations: Nominations will be submitted through the unit's chain of command to the MACOM commander for screening and verification of the unit's performance.
- e. Documentation: Each level of command must endorse the request and verify that the unit is eligible for the award.
- f. Judging: As determined by the MACOM commander.
- g. Approver: MACOM Commander.
- h. Award: DA Form 5775.

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United States Army Motor Vehicle Driver Safety Award

An award given to individuals that complete periods of driving without an accident or moving violation.

AR 672-74, 3-5.

- a. Recipients: U.S. Army military personnel and DA civilian employees.
- b. Eligibility requirements: A nominee must complete the following without any "at fault" military or civilian on-duty vehicle accident or moving traffic violations:
 - (1) Twelve months or 10,000 miles of Army administrative vehicle operation.
 - (2) Twelve months or 3,000 miles of tactical vehicle operation.
 - (3) Twelve months or 1,500 miles of tracked vehicle operation.
 - (4) Twelve months or 1,500 hours of materiel-handling equipment operation.
 - (5) For tours of 13 months or less, the following eligibility requirements apply:
 - (a) Ten months or 8,000 miles of Army administrative vehicle operation.
 - (b) Ten months or 2,500 miles of tactical vehicle operation.
 - (c) Ten months or 1,300 miles of tracked vehicle operation.
 - (d) Ten months or 1,250 hours of materiel-handling equipment operation.
- c. Initiator: Unit commander or representative.
- d. Nominations: Nominations will be made in accordance with unit standing operating procedure (SOP).
- e. Documentation: As required by unit SOP.
- f. Judging: As required by unit SOP.
- g. Approver: Unit commander.
- h. Award: DA Forms 1119 and 1119-1.

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SEOUL, South Korea (Army News Service, April 28, 2004) –Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston presented, for the first time, two Army safety awards bearing his name.

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Staff Sgt. Edward D. Mills, a master driver, and Sgt. 1st Class Charles R. Ryan, the safety noncommissioned officer for his command, received the Sergeant Major of the Army Safety Award for their efforts in creating initiatives that stress the importance of safety to Soldiers.

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"The award program was designed to showcase unit leaders who have established a program and made a difference in curbing the number of deaths and accidents that occur Army-wide," said Preston during a visit to Korea April 17-24. "I want to recognize those leaders who have made extraordinary efforts to make a difference and set their unit apart."

Mills, who has been assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division since September, has led a weekly Master Driver Program, training more than 1,100 Soldiers in a multitude of safe driving practices from operating their vehicles to practicing rollover drills.

"His unit recognized him because of the large number of Soldiers he has impacted in a short period of time," said Preston. "This program has had a significant impact on his unit and is now being shared throughout the division."

The master driver is quick to deflect the focus of the award from him to those who helped facilitate the program.

"I may have received this award on an individual basis, but it was earned as a group," Mills said.

Ryan serves as the safety NCO in charge for the 19th Theater Support Command. Although he has held the position for only four months, he has instituted numerous safety programs impacting units throughout the command. He has created monthly public service announcements, new safety vests and an off-duty risk assessment plan used by leaders to counsel their Soldiers.

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"For individuals to embrace safety, it has to be a very personal matter," said the sergeant major of the Army. "Only through our continued aggressive actions as leaders will we reduce the incidence of accidents and negligence. It is up to our leaders to support programs by making the resources available."

Nominations for the Sergeant Major of the Army Safety Award can only come through the major command's sergeant's major office.

(Editor's note: Sgt. Carmen Burgess is a member of the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs Office.)

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